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Mr. John W. Harris
National Director of Employment
Disabled American Veterans
1701 Eighteenth Street, N.W.
Washington 9, D. C.

Dear Mr. Harris:

Your letter of 8 August 1956 requesting assistance for Mr. [redacted] has been referred to me for answer. This Agency has been very much concerned with the case of [redacted] and has spent considerable time and effort attempting to assist him.

Unfortunately nothing in the authorities given this Agency permit the assistance now requested by [redacted]. The section of Public Law 115 of the 81st Congress referred to in your letter is Section 5(a)(5)(C). This authority is applicable only to employees assigned to permanent duty stations abroad who require hospitalization while abroad for line of duty illness. This does not authorize us to pay hospitalization expenses for employees of the Agency who require hospitalization while in this country. Under the latter circumstances the Federal Employees' Compensation Act provides for assistance under appropriate circumstances.

We have informed [redacted] that we are prepared at any time to assist in procuring a claim to the Federal Employees' Compensation Commission if he so desires. Whether or not compensation or medical benefits would be authorized by the Commission would be their determination based on their usual line of duty consideration.

Beyond assisting [redacted] in procuring his claim, we are not in a position to take further action in his case.

A copy of this letter is being sent to [redacted] at St. Elizabeth's Hospital, and a representative of our Agency will be glad to call on him if he so desires.